# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
EXPORT OF RICE
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) sold huge quantity of good quality rice to certain exporters instead of selling the same in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) whether this scam was recently discovered on account of stoppage of payment of these exporters;

(d) if so, whether the Government has instituted any enquiry into this scam;

(e) if so, whether the Government has since received the enquiry report;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, by when it is likely to be received?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHARAD PAWAR )

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14-3-2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): In pursuance of the approved scheme for sale of foodgrains for exports from the Central Pool on 20.11.2000 and 27.12.2000, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) sold wheat and rice of fair average quality to the exporters. Year wise break up of lifting of rice from the Central Pool for exports during the last two years is as under:-

| YEAR | QUANTITY IN LAKH TONNES |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 80.71 |
| 2003-04 | 30.71 |

During the same period, FCI also released fair average quality rice for meeting all domestic requirements, leading to stable price level, as under.

| YEAR | QUANTITY IN LAKH TONNES |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 179.178 |
| 2003-04 | 219.504 |

(c), (d), (e), (f) & (g): No, Sir.